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Dear LLR Pharmacy Contractors and Pharmacy Teams

The documents needed to introduce prescribing within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) have now been published in either final or draft form, enabling prescribing within the CPCF to formally commence.
This is an important milestone for community pharmacy in England. However, **formal commencement does not mean pharmacies can begin prescribing immediately**.

Pharmacies and prescribers **must** complete the required onboarding and authorisation arrangements before delivering the service.
There is significant preparation involved. Before deciding whether to sign up, pharmacy owners should carefully consider:

- Clinical supervision arrangements and access to appropriate support.
- Prescriber competence, scope of practice and ongoing development.
- Staffing capacity, clinical governance, IT and access to patient information.
- Funding, delivery costs and the financial implications for the pharmacy.

Please review the documentation and CPE's advice before making a decision on registration:
Prescribing within the CPCF – guidance and documents

NHS England will also issue communications to ICBs and pharmacies highlighting the publication of the documents and the formal commencement of prescribing.
We will share further information on local onboarding, authorisation and implementation support as arrangements are confirmed. In the meantime, please contact us with any questions or concerns so we can raise these with the relevant teams.

Kind Regards
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